



Central South Dakota Outdoor Report

Wildlife Division – Region 2



Brule/Buffalo Counties

Diana Landegent



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

The channel in the Chamberlain area is open. The south boat ramp at Big Bend Dam is open. The water levels are low which could make the fast water boat ramp difficult to launch a boat from. Fishermen have reported catching a few walleyes at the dam. Ice fishermen have not been fishing on the ice.

The fish cleaning stations are closed for the winter. The minimum length restriction is 15 inches with one walleye over 20 inches. The daily possession limit is 4 walleyes and 8 walleyes possession. The area between the Interstate Bridge and Railroad Bridge known as the dredge hole is now closed until April 30th.

REMINDER: Purchase your 2015 fishing license. The 2014 fishing license expires January 31st.



Hunting Report:

Canada goose season, Unit 2, west of Hwy 50 south to 350th Ave closes on February 15th.

Campbell County

Doug DeLaRoi



Fishing Report: See Missouri River report below

Ice conditions have improved but pressure ridges are hard to see, use caution when traveling on the ice. Anglers have had spotty success. Small lakes have had very little use.



Hunting Report:

2014 licenses have expired remember to purchase 2015 licenses.

Corson/Dewey Counties

Shawn Madison:



Fishing Report:

Pudwell Dam: Good fish populations including several year classes of walleye, largemouth bass, crappie, and perch. Fishing activity has been low.

Morristown East: No activity but stocking efforts past two years has been successful for largemouth and crappies. Fish size is small. There are some northern pike.

Morristown West: No activity. The perch stockings have been successful ranging from 8-10 inches.

Trail City Dam: Little to no activity and a lot of small northern pike showed up in surveys.

Little Moreau #1: Activity low. Not much biting.

Little Moreau #2: Catching nice size rainbow trout on lures and corn with salmon eggs.

Isabel Lake: Some activity. Largemouth bass have been biting. Nice population of bluegill, some large being caught.

Eagle Butte Dam: No activity. The year classes of bluegill look very good ranging from 6-8 inches. Bass numbers are very good as well as perch



Hunting Report:

All seasons are closed in the area. We still have an abundance of coyotes. There is a lot of pressure from callers and coyote calling contests. Coyotes have heard it all and are pretty unresponsive to calls.

Charles Mix/Douglas Counties

Jeff Martin



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

Recent return of cold weather has the edges of the river that were previously open now froze up again. This should allow for foot traffic, I am not sure if there is enough ice to support an ATV while accessing the ice. Take a spud bar and check ice thickness when attempting to access the ice. Remember that you know need a 2015 license.



Hunting Report:

Recent snowfall and the return of some cooler weather could make good conditions for predator calling. Remember you now need a 2015 license.

Gregory County

Hans Walleser



Fishing Report:

There is plenty of safe ice to fish throughout the area. Warm weather trends have left some areas with a little less ice. Make sure to take a spud bar to check the ice. The fishing has been tough. Expect to change baits and techniques all day to entice fish to bite. The Platte/Winner Bridge areas have been hit and miss. Good fishing one day and bad the next. Good fishing will pick up during late ice as fish move shallow to feed.

Make sure you buy your 2015 Fishing License BEFORE fishing after January 31.



Hunting Report:

- A valid hunting license is required to hunt small game, including rabbits.
- 2014 licenses EXPIRE on January 31, 2015. Make sure you have your 2015 license purchased.
- Cottontail rabbit season closes February 28. Daily limit is 10 and possession limit is 30.
- Squirrel season ends February 28. Daily limit is 5 and possession limit is 15.
- Bobcat season ends February 15. A FURBEARER license is required to hunt bobcats.
 - Bobcat season is closed East River. If you accidentally catch a bobcat, notify a conservation officer. Do not remove or disturb the animal in the trap if it is deceased. West River bobcat season ends February 15. All harvested cats must be checked by an officer within 5 days of harvest.

Hyde/Hand Counties

Cory Flor



Fishing Report: *See Missouri River report below*

Anglers have been staying off the ice due to warm weather and poor ice conditions.



Hunting Report:

No Report

Hughes County

John Murphy



Fishing Report:

Ice conditions are improving; people are reminded to double check ice conditions before venturing out on the ice. Reports from Joe Creek, West Bend, or North Bend, are that they are catching some fish but it has been slow. People are catching a few catfish and an occasional walleye at Farm Island.



Hunting Report:

A reminder that the high plains duck season closed on January 15, 2014. Also the goose hunting is fair at best as the numbers on geese are low in Hughes County. The key to success is going to scouting before hunting geese.

Jones County

Brian Ridgway



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

Anglers are experiencing decent success on panfish and yellow perch on the Ft. Pierre Nat'l Grassland ponds. Some ponds do contain springs which may lead to thinner ice in places. Please use caution while on the ice and just as a reminder to never fish alone.



Hunting Report:

Reports from Missouri and Iowa show some snow geese making their way back north. The Federal Light Goose Conservation Order season runs from February 14-May 3rd. There is not a possession nor a daily limit on light geese (Snows, Blues, Ross'). Dark Geese and Light Fronts are protected. Hunters are strongly encouraged not to jump shoot large flocks on the ground or water due to the intermixing of the protected species. Oftentimes mallards, pintails, Canada and Specklebelly Geese will be mixed in with light geese.

Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. The use of electronic calls and shotguns with the capability of holding more than three shells is allowed.

Reminder: Portable deer stands need to be removed from lands owned, leased or controlled by GFP no later than February 15th

Lyman County

Brian Ridgway



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

Lake Francis Case anglers are reminded that the area between Interstate 90 Bridge and the Railroad Bridge is closed to fishing between Dec 1-April 30.



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Potter County

Brad Saltsman



Fishing Report: See Missouri River report below:

Potts Dam – no fishing report

Lake Hurley – Fishing is slow

Simon Dam – no fishing activity

Missouri River – Nice walleyes being caught from Walth Bay to Stove Creek. Ice conditions are questionable this week



Hunting Report:

No Report

Stanley County

Josh Thompson



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below.

Twin Dams – Anglers have been catching a few bass and perch in the past week.

Hayes Lake – Bluegill, northern pike, and largemouth bass have all been biting fairly well. Pursuers of the pike have had better success fishing the shallower waters.

Ft. Pierre Nat. Grasslands – Ice fishing activity has been picking back up. These ponds offer chances at bluegill, perch, bass, and more.

Lake Oahe – Fishing activity has slowed with the unstable ice conditions in the past couple weeks.

Lake Sharpe – Fishing activity has slowed. Use extreme caution before venturing out onto any unfamiliar ice.



Hunting Report:

Reminder that February 15th, 2015 is the final day of the season for goose hunting in Unit 2.

Goose – Goose hunting has been slower this year. Early morning flights right after sunrise and late flights, just before sunset, are the best opportunities to get a crack at these birds.

Coyote – Coyote numbers have been good this year. Calling and trapping are both great ways to pursue this animal.

For any further information, Game, Fish & Parks hunting and fishing handbooks are available at local licensing agents; or you can visit the SD Game, Fish & Parks website at www.gfp.sd.gov.

Sully County

Andy Schmahl



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below.

No Report



Hunting Report:

No Report

Tripp/Todd/Mellette Counties

Chris Dekker



Fishing Report: See Missouri River Report below

No Report



Hunting Report:

No Report

Walworth County

Doug DeLaRoi/Brad Saltsman



Fishing Report: *See Missouri River report below*

Ice conditions have improved but pressure ridges are hard to see, use caution when traveling on the ice. Anglers have had spotty success. Small lakes have had little use – catching some small perch.



Hunting Report:

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Missouri River report:

Lake Oahe and Lake Sharpe

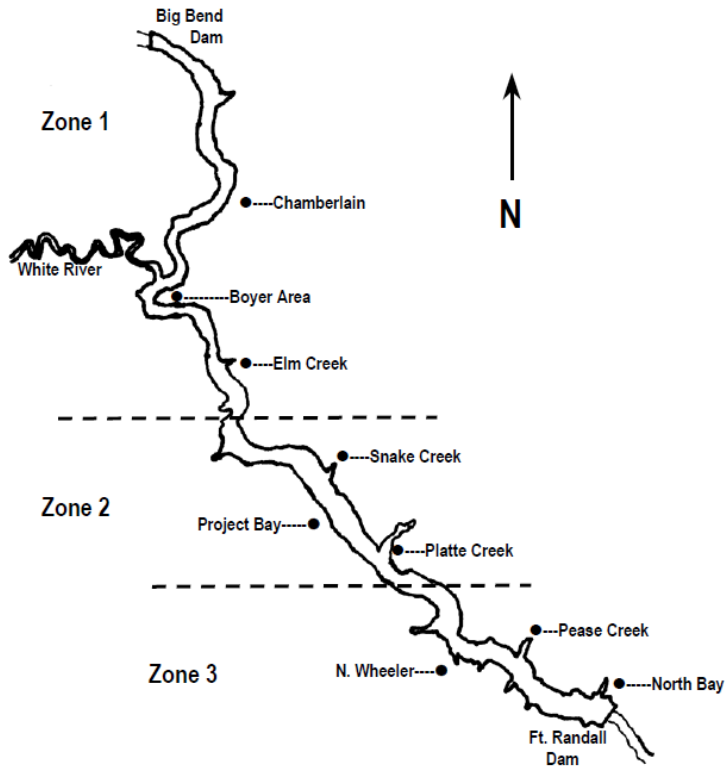
Kyle Potter

Lake Oahe

No Report

Lake Sharpe

No Report



Lake Francis Case

Rachel Tribble

Zone 1 – No Report

Zone 2 – No Report

Zone 3 – No Report